

The Renewable Resources Extension Act (RREA) at Washington State University

Family forests comprise 20% of the total timberland in Washington State. These lands are some of the most productive in the Northwest. RREA programs in Washington State are designed to help family forest landowners make informed decisions regarding the management of our forest and wildlife resources. RREA dollars are leveraged with state and local funds. Since 1997, RREA funds were used to:

- Teach Coached Forest Management Planning classes empowering over 355 ownerships to write forest management plans encompassing over 38,900 acres. Loggers completing the 40-hour course expressed a stronger understanding and engagement of natural resources issues as these apply to their daily work environment.
- Provide logger continuing education classes reaching over 2,500 forest operators state wide. Continuing education credits are required for maintaining current accreditation and hence continuing education engagement.
- Design and develop a 150-acre demonstration forest accessed by over 5,000 publics and legislators to date. This demonstration area engages the publics in viewing various forest management activities ranging from cutting practices to wildlife and riparian management issues.
- Work with cooperating agencies on design and delivery of regional and state forestry contests for over 1,500 youth. Youth compete in various forest-related categories ranging from Tree Disorders, Cruising and Dendrology to Management Issues. Youth involved in these contests are more likely to pursue a career in natural resources.

"It was a privilege to be able to learn from so many expert professionals on a wide variety of forestry topics in one, well organized program. It was a very good experience and I would recommend it to anyone with a forest to watch over " –Coached Forest Management Planning Class student

"We sure didn't have the same [forest management] goals when we started, but we were a lot closer by the end of the class."

– Coached Forest Management Planning Class graduate



Coached Forest Management Planning graduates receive their Forest Stewardship signs.

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